

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO Training Program-48E Marshall Center, Garmisch, Germany

**1. PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO training program and facilities available at the Marshall Center in Germany.

**2. FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 18 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: January – June; July - December

(3) Program Description: Normally, twenty FAOs attend the Marshall Center per class (two classes per year). The program provides enhanced study in language, regional studies, pol-mil issues, and various internship possibilities in countries throughout the region.

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ; Russian 2/2/2 language; branch immaterial; no gender restrictions.

b. POV: Recommend ship POV via Bremerhaven with destination of Stuttgart Germany.

c. Household goods: Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage. A personal computer with modem is highly recommended. Housing units are the standard attached two bedroom or three bedroom overseas housing quarters.

d. Housing: FAOs will be housed in the pre-existing government quarters available in the Breitenau Housing Area.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: The nearest major U.S. medical facility is Wiesbaden (85 miles). The German Hospital in Garmisch handles all emergency medical care. Routine medical care can be handled either by scheduling an appointment with the nearest U.S facility or by seeing a local German doctor and receiving reimbursement through Tricare (currently transitioning from CHAMPUS).

(2) Dental: There is a U.S. Dental Clinic in Garmisch.

(3) Dependent Schooling: A DODDs elementary school, grades 1-8, is located in the Breitenau Housing Area (a five minute walk from quarters). Grades 9-12 attend the Munich International School, located in the town of Starnberg, a 60-75 minute drive (one way). There is a Child Development Center in the Breitenau Housing Area as well. Some families choose to have their children attend the German public schools.

(4) PX/Commissary: The Garmisch sub-community has a Commissary and PX facility. Also included are movie rentals, a Stars and Stripes bookstore, barber, crafts shop, and a tailor shop. The larger AAFES facilities at Heidelberg or Wuerzburg are an approx 4 to 5 hour drive away.

(5) Banking: PX facility has a Nations Bank Branch.

(6) Language Instruction Availability: Language training is a part of the scheduled curriculum at the Marshall Center. All FAOs will take Russian (the majority) or Ukrainian enhancement courses. For those FAOs demonstrating solid Russian language skills, cross training in Ukrainian is a possibility. On a space available basis, spouses can participate in a range of language courses.

(7) Student Support Materials/facilities: Significant student support equipment/facilities are available including computers, language materials, and a library. There is also a travel center to arrange for trips.

f. Rating Chain:

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**3. Additional Information:**

a. Bring Advanced Course, CAS3, and CGSC materials. Several portions of the curriculum provide a good opportunity to complete them and they also serve to keep FAOs current on US doctrine.

b. FAOs should bring complete array of military uniforms.

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